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The Honorable Sam Rayburn
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

There is submitted herewith the draft of a proposed
bill "To provide for the administration of the Central
Intelligence Agency, established pursuant to Section 102,
National Security Act of 1947, and for other purposes."

This proposed legislation is substantially the same
as H.R. 5871 which was introduced in the Eightieth Congress
and unanimously reported out by the House Armed Services
Committee. However, due to lack of time, the bill was not
called up on the floor. It was also reported out unani-
mously by the Senate Armed Services Committee in the
Eightieth Congress, and passed the Senate on 21 June 1948.
The favorable action of the House Armed Services Committee
is reported in House Report No. 1853, dated 4 May 1948.

The purpose of the bill is to grant to the Central
Intelligence Agency the authorities necessary for its
proper administration. The bill deals with procurement,
travel, allowances and related expenses, general authorities,
and methods of expenditures of appropriated funds. Further,
it protects the confidential nature of the Agency's functions
and makes provisions for the internal administration of the
Agency. In almost all instances, the powers and authorities
contained in the bill already exist for some other branch
of the Government, and the bill merely extends similar
authorities to the Central Intelligence Agency.

This proposed bill has been resubmitted to the Bureau of
the Budget, and we have been advised that they have no objec-
tion to its presentation to the Congress in its present form.

Sincerely yours,

Signed & dispatched 2/11/49

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